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THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL:

A) LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TYPE IS PROVIDED IN EGYPT TO PRISONERS, INCLUDING US NATIONALS, WHO ARE UNABLE TO FUND PRIVATE COUNSEL.

B) PRIVATE COUNSEL IS READILY AVAILABLE

C) IN THEORY THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC FUNDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD REFLECT THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION GENERALLY AVAILABLE IN EGYPT, SINCE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS SELECTED FROM AMONG ALL MEMBERS OF LAWYERS' SYNDICATE. IN PRACTICE, THE POST HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH PUBLIC FUNDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE SINCE 1973, THE DATE FROM WHICH WE HAVE ARREST FILES. IN ALL RECENT ARREST CASES, THE PRISONER HAS EITHER BEEN RELEASED AFTER SEVERAL DAYS DETENTION, OR HE HAS HIRED PRIVATE COUNSEL.
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